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POLITICS.....TAKES CONTROL OF THE F.I.G.

The FIG had never experienced an "extraordinary Congress" until July of 1974. At that time, several nations caused the FIG to hold their first such special meeting in their nearly 100 year history. It was convened in Montreux, Switzerland on Saturday, July 20th, and it was perhaps the darkest day in the FIG's long existence.

To go back briefly, the Executive Committee of the FIG (as previously reported to you) voted some months ago to move the 1974 World Championships to Munich. This action, taking the event away from Bulgaria was based on that nation's refusal to grant entry Visas to all member nations of the FIG. This refusal was action in direct violation of the FIG Constitution, leaving the Executive Committee little choice in the matter but to remove the event from Bulgaria and take it to Munich.

Shortly after that meeting, approximately 18 nations signed a petition for a special Congress. This was allowed by the Constitution, and therefore the General Secretary moved to cause such a Congress to be held. From our arrival in Montreux, the atmosphere was one of vicious politics. It was clear that the Eastern nations present intended to oust South Africa for certain and possibly Israel from the competition if at all possible. It was interesting to see that several nations were present for the first time, with new delegates and representing FIG member nations but particularly those who will not have gymnasts in the competition in October whether it be in Vienna or Munich. For the first time in the FIG's history we witnessed a meeting that lacked dignity. Much of this can be attributed to one man who proclaimed at the microphone that when the "Third World" took over they would teach us what Democracy was! His appearance set the tone for the meeting and it was a dark one. What did such a statement possibly have to do with sports... and the answer was clear, absolutely nothing, but then this meeting had nothing to do with sports, of that there can be no doubt.

Fifty-two nations present and the final outcome of a vote that perhaps never should have been conducted, even 26 nations voted for Vienna (in violation of the Constitution), one nation abstained and 24 voted to support the Executive Committee and Constitution by holding the meet in Munich. The Eastern nations, joined in a round of applause by several Latin nations present even though the vote clearly was aimed at eliminating South Africa from the meet which violates the existing FIG Constitution. After the vote the Congress adjourned and the Western nations present seemed to indicate a reaction of shock more than anything else. Can a body vote to violate the Constitution that governs the action? Obviously, from a legal standpoint no, but then the meeting itself perhaps should never have been held and the vote obviously should not have been allowed. We can assume then that the Eastern nations would then move to boycott the Munich event, since it was so stated in at least one document circulated to all present by Yugoslavia. Now then, do we have two championships, or one? Is one or neither of them official? Is the FIG to be a two-headed organization now, with one clearly dominated by the Communist bloc... which we honestly did not feel existed as a bloc, until this meeting.

Perhaps the only salvation of the FIG now, is to proceed with the planned event in Munich and not lend support to the action taken in Montreux by the 26 who voted as they did to violate the FIG statutes. For where does that end. Once you allow yourself to be blackmailed as such, to bend to such pressures in an illegal manner, it surely will never end. Next those 26 nations will evidently seek to throw out Israel, then Taiwan, then any other nation that differs from them in political taste. If the results of the Montreux meeting are allowed to stand as they are, the future of the F.I.G. is questionable.... for surely in time it would consist of only 26 nations... those voting to place politics far above gymnastics on July 20, 1974.

For the United States Gymnastics Federation:

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Executive Director

July 30, 1974

EXPO 74 . . . SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

July 1 – 6, 1974

The Soviet Union's delegation arrived in the USA and proceeded directly to Spokane, to appear in Expo 74, the current World's Fair now in progress. They brought with them three women to perform in Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics. It was a very talented group.

The U.S. Women's Team, ten deep, arrived on the same day and settled down to a week of hard work and six consecutive nights of exhibitions performing before packed houses each night. The gymnastics portion of the world's fair was sold out weeks in advance and absolutely no tickets were available for just under seven thousand seats, for six consecutive nights.

Olga Korbut was unquestionably the drawing card and she led with her in the artistic gymnastics section two very talented young ladies that demonstrated great promise for the future. Lyuda Gorbik (16) and Lubomila Savina (16) both showed real style and poise as they performed each night on their first trip to the USA.

The men's team featured two long recognized champions in Viktor Klimenko, and Nicolai Andrianov. Along with them were Vladimir Schukin, and although Schukin had some problems during the week, he maintained his strength and performed steadily all week. Andrianov and Klimenko, are unquestionably two very talented gymnasts and impressed the crowd regularly with near flawless routines.

The USA had one men present and that was Tom Weeden from the University of California at Berkeley. Tom was absolutely great as he worked each night and seemed to get stronger as the days passed. He is considerably improved from even the Fine Nationals and looked great as he worked with the Russians and became more a friend to them than a competitor.

The USA had ten girls present with USGF National Coach Muriel Grossfield. They were Diane Guebler, Kirby Howard, Debbie Fike, Roxanne Pearce, Alys Cern, Barbara Mylak, Kyle Gaynor, Judy Yeom, Nancy Thier and Janette Anderson who had a slight injury and was unable to perform. All the girls had an opportunity to perform before the large Expo crowd along with the Russians. The team held compulsory training sessions every day, and then joined in the



OLGA KORBUT AT EXPO '74

exhibitions every night. It provided our girls with an excellent opportunity to train together.

Following Expo . . . the teams departed to Seattle, Washington for a one night demonstration at the University of Washington Gym, a packed house, with about 8,000 spectators for the one night show. Here Nancy Thier, Kyle Gaynor and Debbie Fike were joined by some local talent such as Laurel Anderson and sister Janette Anderson had a slight injury and did not work during Expo but did perform one routine in Seattle. Dr. Eric Hughes and the University of Washington athletic staff, particularly their AD, Dr. Kaarney, did a fine job hosting the Soviets and showing them Seattle.

From Seattle, it was up at 6:30 a.m. and on to St. Paul, Minn., and a one night show there before just over 11,000 people in the St. Paul Civic Center. The athletes were visibly tired, and although they performed admirably there was a show of fatigue that was patched in St. Paul, four USA men added in the exhibitions, those being Yoshi Hayakawa, Jim Stephenson, Mark Graham, and Jim Stephenson.

The Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics

group from the USSR was a highlight of each night's exhibitions. The three ladies present ranged from one girl, Jennette Vasina, who was a member of the USSR world's Championships team last year, to the attractive Miss Alii Zasukina, winner of a silver medal in individual events in Rotterdam last November to the star of the show every time she walked on the floor, Miss Galina Shugurova who won three gold medals in last year's World Championships and every night clearly demonstrated why she is a world's champion.

All-in-all, the tour as a tremendous success and although obviously too many shows in too few nights, nonetheless a great bit of propaganda for gymnastics. It was an excellent opportunity for our male and female gymnasts to work with the USSR team and to see once again that cooperative exhibitions such as this are good for the sport and the gymnasts.

Our thanks to Expo 74, and in particular to Mr. Tommey Walker who is manager of entertainment for the Fair, for their cooperation and encouragement from the beginning.



United States Team at Expo '94

Coach Marci Grundfeld, Roxanne Pense, Kyle Garner, Debbie Pifer, Nancy Thio, Diane Sander, Avan Cor



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Goritsk (USSR) above and Gaynor (USA) perform at Expo '74

UNITED STATES GYMNASTICS FEDERATION ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1974

JOAN MOORE RICE WINS FOURTH TIME

For the fourth straight year, Joan Moore Rice is the U.S.G.F. All Around Elite National Gymnast Champion. Joan not only successfully defended her Championship but won the Balance Beam and Floor Exercise as well.

The competition was a thrilling dual between Joan Moore Rice AND Dianne Dunbar. After the compulsory events, Joan scored a total of 37.30 points with Dianne only 4/10ths behind with 36.90 points. In the options although Dianne Dunbar whipped up a 9.6 on the Uneven Bars and a 9.85 on Floor Exercise, defending Champion Joan Moore Rice only gave up 1/10th of a point, scoring 37.85 to Dianne's 37.95. Joan's total points was 75.15 to Dianne's 74.85, winning by the narrow margin of 3/10ths of a point. Along with Rice and Dunbar, Debbie Fife, Roxanne Pierce, Nancy Then, Ann Carr, Kathy Howard, and Kyle Gaynor battled for the Championship and all qualified for the World Games Final Trials in September.

Dunbar, a 15 year-old from Pleasanton, California, had the highest score in the options with a 9.60 on the Uneven Bars and with her previous score of 74.55 in the qualification round was number one qualifier for the Finals with 149.40 points. Rice is an Olympian representing the Philadelphia Minettes and stood no better than 7th nationally before the meet with 73.05 finished as the 2nd qualifier with a total of 148.20 behind Miss Dunbar.

The All-Around results of the U.S.G.F. Elite Championships:

1. Joan Moore Rice	-75.15
2. Dianne Dunbar	-74.85
3. Debbie Fife	-73.25
4. Ann Carr	-73.25
5. Roxanne Pierce	-73.20
6. Nancy Then	-73.10
7. Kyle Gaynor	-73.20

The U.S.G.F. Elite Finals was an equally thrilling competition with another superb battle between Joan Moore Rice and Dianne Dunbar. The Vaulting was the first event with Dunbar winning with 18.80 and Rice taking third after Pierce. Dunbar next won the Uneven Bars with a 19.175 with Rice 2nd with a 19.075. Next on the Beam it was Rice's turn to win with an even 19 points



Joan Moore Rice

and Dunbar finished 3rd with 18.650 behind Kyle Gaynor. Rice then took the Floor Exercise with 19.125 with Dunbar 2nd with 18.950. Both got two 2nd hints, one second and one third. The individual results follow:

Vaulting	Beam	Floor
1. Dunbar, D.	1. Rice, J.	19.125
2. Pierce, R.	2. Rice, J.	19.075
3. Rice, J.	3. Pierce, R.	18.775
4. Carr, A.	4. Israel, C.	18.650
5. Fife, D.	5. Hilt, D.	18.575
6. Then, N.	6. Fife, D.	18.525
Vaulting	Beam	Floor
1. Rice, J.	1. Rice, J.	19.000
2. Gaynor, K.	2. Gaynor, K.	18.925
3. Dunbar, D.	3. Dunbar, D.	18.650
4. Yocom, J.	4. Yocom, J.	18.500
5. Walker, D.	5. Walker, D.	18.275
6. Howard, K.	6. Howard, K.	18.150

WOMEN'S REPORT ON USGF DELEGATION TO GOLDEN SANDS INVITATIONAL MEET IN VARNA, BULGARIA June 3 - 10, 1974

Delegation Members:

Chief of Mission and Men's Coach:

Abe Grossfeld

Women's Coach/Judge:

Carol Davis

Unofficial Women's Coach:

Bill Coco

Women Gymnasts:

Anne Carr, Kathy Howard

Men Gymnasts:

Tom Weeden, Jay Whalen

After leaving from the National Women's Elite Championships in Carbondale, Illinois early on the morning of the third of June we met the guys and assembled our complete delegation at Kennedy Airport in New York. That afternoon we boarded a Pan Am 747 (we were waved goodbye to from Anne Carr's family who had been kind enough to pack up our sweatshirts in Philadelphia and drive them to Kennedy plus brought us packed consigns also) and flew to London. From there it was British European Airways to Sofia, Bulgaria where we were met by a few members of the gymnastic federation and our interpreter, Krassina. They tried to make going through customs and an airport under renovation as pleasant as possible. We found out that we all had to get visas at the cost of \$7.00 per person and we also tried to locate one of Kathy Howard's suitcases which had not arrived with us. The delegation from Great Britain arrived with us and everyone agreed it is not easy to get into Bulgaria, and, as we later discovered, not easy to depart. We then flew via Balkan Airways (Bulgarian) to Varna where members of the gymnastic federation greeted us with flowers. All our luggage (minus Kathy's suitcase) and us were set aboard a bus for the 25 min. trip to our hotel, The Spartakas. Abe received a French itinerary for the competition and we tried to unpack in (at least for the girls) very cramped quarters. Once settled into hotel rooms with magnificent views of the moon on the Black Sea, we inquired about going to the gym for some stretching. We were told it was not possible as the last bus to the gym had left 90 min. before. So we went down to the dining hall for dinner. Each delegation had a group of tables in the dining hall designated with their

country's flag. Our delegation was practically blind with fatigue, but we did eat something and then went to bed about 9:30 pm and slept until about 11:00 a.m. the next morning (this was difficult as the sun rises at approx. 4:00 a.m.).

June 6, 1974

Upon rising we "checked out the area" and found a beautiful beach in front of our hotel — about 300 steps down and seemingly 600 steps back up! We noted that the men's women's in the competition hall, the Sport Hall in Varna, was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. and the ladies for 8:00 p.m. Our girls were placed in Group II for the First Competition (compulsories and Options) along with two girls each from Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, and Bulgaria. After checking the bus schedule and noting a bus at 4:30, we tried to find it — no luck, schedule or not the last one had left at 2:00 and so we took a taxi and arrived late for our workout missing most of the bar warmup. I was immediately dragged to the sound booth where I had a difficult, but successful, time explaining why we had two tapes for two girls for compulsories. The interpreter proved invaluable in this effort. Each squad had been allocated twenty-five minutes for warmup in each event and the rotation was as you would compete. At 8:25 our group moved to beam and sometime after moved to floor (our third event) at 8:50. M. Drinova was hustling me off the judges' meeting and our girls were finished with Floor exercise (we should have just finished with beam) Bill Coco who accompanied the team at his own expense was a great asset to the girls.

In the judges' meeting M. Drinova of the Bulgarian Federation took a roll call of judges and made event assignments. Canada had requested permission to bring a second judge and had been telegraphed permission to do so. It seemed that all fifth position judges would have been Bulgarian and Latynina of Russia made a motion that all duplicate judges be forced to share one judging position as all countries did not ask to bring a second judge. M. Drinova then reduced the judging panels to four with a counting superior. I was assigned to bars and the

superior judge position for the first day. Every judge would be a superior on one day. Other judges in my squad were Valeria Nye and Mary Gult, Canada (they shared one position), M. Erbenova, Czechoslovakia, M. Targava, Bulgaria (they had a new one every day). We were told when the competitions began and when to be in the judges' room for marching in.

I then attended the Technical meeting with Abe and our interpreter. A roll call was taken of gymnasts and competitive members were distributed. Canada had requested, and again received telegraphed approval, to bring a third female gymnast to compete. This proved to be a hassle, but eventually they permitted her to compete without classification (would take no place). Cuba requested permission not to compete in compulsories and was permitted to do so. At this point I realized how difficult the women's competition would be. Ex: The men had 8 in a squad and 30 minutes warmup the evening prior to competition, girls had 8 and 25 minutes per event, during the meet the men's squads of 8 had 4 minutes per event and the women's squad of 8 had 4 minutes, during the top 16 competition the men had squads of 5, 5, and 6 and three events running simultaneously while the women had squads of 4 with four events running simultaneously. We had to be tough!

Countries represented were: Russia, RDA (Germany), Bulgaria, Rumania, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Yugoslavia, France, Hungary, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland, Spain, Brazil, Cuba, and United States (18 in all).

June 6, 1974 — Compulsory Competition

Wouldn't you know my first time as head judge at an international meet and the first competition I had to judge was one of ours! Nevertheless Kathy Howard ended the day in third place with a 35.50 total and Anne Carr just behind her in fourth with 35.45. We had to take the girls to the Spartak training facility early that morning to get some sleep on beam as they hadn't had much the evening before. It paid off.

June 7, 1974 - Optional Competition

Leading the competition were two Russian girls, Gerasimova, who almost beat Korbut in the National Championships, and Bitchoukova. The United States was just behind them. Both of our girls averaged over a 9.0 All-Around in options and wound up tied with each other for third place. Score 71.55. They not only made the top 16 competition but were in all finals. Two more all-around meets to go - hang in tough. The two Russian girls were set ahead. Results of Competition No. 1 (compulsories and options):

1. Gerasimova, USSR - 74.30
2. Bitchoukova, USSR - 73.60
3. Howard and Carr, USA - 71.55
4. Deyl, ROA - 71.05
5. Pouysse, ROA - 70.40

It was difficult to get a 9.0 score and our girls must have been tired, but we had been excited and were receiving many favorable comments from coaches and judges.

June 8, 1974 - Competition No. 2

(Top Sixteen)

Anne Carr hung in tough during this whole meet which only took 90 minutes at the maximum due to four events running together and only four girls in a squad. Kathy and Anne were squabbled together with two Czech girls - the Russian girls were split. Kathy showed signs of fatigue during bars and wound up with a score of 8.05. But she didn't fall. I gave her a lot of credit, sheer determination and competitive desire for a very difficult routine. Anne scored a 36.45 in this competition which when added to her previous average of 36.775 give her a total of 72.225 AND THIRD PLACE! Kathy scored a 38.40 and with her previous average of 36.775 give her fifth place. We were very proud of both girls as they stood on the awards stand. Medals were awarded to the top three places and certificates to all places. Results of the Competition No. 2 (Top Sixteen):

1. Gerasimova, USSR - 74.650
2. Bitchoukova, USSR - 73.750
3. CARR, USA - 72.225
4. Deyl, ROA - 71.425
5. HOWARD, USA - 71.175
6. Pouysse, ROA - 69.925

June 9, 1974 - Finals

It was exciting, our girls were in all four finals plus Jay Whelan was in the Floor Exercise Finals for men (he had placed a very creditable ninth in the men's All Around). Men's and Women's Finals were held at the same time with

the first men's event solo and the fourth men's event solo. Men's vaulting proved to be a big hangup as the judges had many conferences. Results of the Women's Finalist Competition:

Vault:

1. Gerasimova, USSR - 18.80
(Round off Back)
2. Bitchoukova and Anne Carr - 18.15
3. Preysse, ROA - 18.05
4. Howard, USA - 17.90
5. Deyl, ROA - 17.90

Bars:

1. Bitchoukova, USSR - 18.60
2. Gerasimova, USSR - 18.40
3. Steele, SUL - 18.125
4. Carr, USA - 18.090
5. Constantine, ROM - 17.975
6. Howard, USA - 17.60

Beam - Gerasimova had a fall and two major bobbles, received as 8.6. She was leading with a 9.3 average.

1. Bitchoukova, USSR - 18.60
2. Howard, USA - 18.05
3. Hachimori, CHE - 18.00
4. Gerasimova, USSR - 17.90
5. Deyl, ROA - 17.85
6. Carr, USA - 17.575

Kathy Howard had a break, but recovered beautifully and with confidence to take second place. Anne Carr fell off after her side aerial - her only real break of the entire competition (four all-around events).

Floor:

1. Gerasimova, USSR - 18.80
2. Bitchoukova, USSR - 18.70
3. Constantine, ROM - 18.30
4. Carr, USA - 18.00
5. Howard, USA - 17.975
6. Deyl, ROA - 17.70

I tell the judges made a mistake in FX finals. Of course I couldn't see all events the other days, but during finals they awarded Constantine of Romania a 9.3 for a decent exercise that contained all backward tumbling passes - RO FF double fall/RO FF layout/RO FF fall.

Some comments on routine content.

Bars - many well executed free hip handstands, heights from the high bar, eagles flying in from the low bar to the high, front somersaults, and several regular heights off the low bar. A few girls did sole circles with 1/8 twirls (see Little Canadian, McLane) did this right into a back full dismount! Gerasimova used two dismounts, free hip to e back somersault off the high bar and free hip height (like men's HB - compulsory). The two Germans used a snap down back and a very well executed toe on front off to the rear of the bars.

Floor - Gerasimova used Pimicul, Pimicula and Santa Lucia. She seems to rest on her hands (so good in a handstand). She ends in a high advanced arabesque with right hand and foot on the floor. She warmed up a double full but in finals only did one (did double in prelim). Some tumbling passes for her were: RO pike arabesque step out RD tuck arabesque to front walkover, RO FF FF double full, Side CR, side CW ROFF back.

Bitchoukova uses tin pan alley glasses and charleston music - she is very delicate and cute. Uses RO FF full FF fall. Also CR FF. She starts a routine prior to her music.

Deyl - used Spanish music - does RO FF arabian to RO FF high tuck back, also does Handspring front. Her routine had much walking and waiting time.

Beam - The emphasis is on series, very fast and powerful RO FF. Gerasimova jumped to an English handstand front walkover out, ½ turn BWD FF with continuity. She did this + full and probably with walkover out and a sideways CR to sideways one arm CR Handstand - places the second hand, stoops through so high free V and then collapses across the beam - very effective. There is not much this competitor doesn't do on beam including Cossack steps down the beam! She also does an AWD and a CR to task arabesque as a dismount. Other dismounts were two very fast FF's to a back, RO FF full done very quickly, and became full (walked).

Vaults - Yana's, Yana ½ and full, Handspring full, K on ½ off and Round off back.

After finals we had to wait for the bus to return from taking the first group of people back. No sympathy for those who were involved in the meet as competitors or officials. This was our last night in Bulgaria and there were two receptions - one for the co-partners held a few yards down from our hotel and one for officials held in our hotel. The kids' reception consisted of a light meal and really nothing else - no music even - they all returned early. Our reception was equally dull and since we arrived back at the hotel almost at the time the reception was to start we were late. Nick Stuart of Great Britain reviewed our reception with his world famous mimic until we were weak with laughter. Many of the coaches and judges then partied all night as most were due to leave the next morning very early.

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We assembled in the lobby at 5:45 along with the Canadian, Russian, and Spanish delegations to board a bus to the airport. Upon arrival at the airport we received Kathy Howard's suitcase from Balkan Airlines to Sophia where we endured the process of getting out of the country and dragging our luggage around an airport under renovation. From there to Frankfurt and duty free shopping (part) and home to Kennedy where we all went our merry ways. This trip was most successful for the United States Gymnastic Federation in a gymnastic sense, not a financial one for anyone in our party. Our competitors performance really helped our international image and many people from many countries were most favorably impressed. I believe the coaches of these gymnasts should be congratulated for preparing them so well. Merry Wein and Jessie McDowell for Kathy Howard and Bill and Ginny Coco for Ann Carr.

The girls also gave their best, often in the face of adversity, little or nonexistent buses meaning rushed trips to the gym, rushed warmups, good competition, trying hard to sleep less (the sun comes up at 4:00 a.m.), lost luggage, plus a hyper roommates (me) who had to see a U.S.G.F. Federation banner a la Benny Ross for presentation to the Federation. Need I say more? It's a competition for all coach/judges! We didn't have much free time to really enjoy the area - nice beaches and great weather. BUT, THEY KNEW WE WERE THERE!!

GAIL DAVIS

MEN'S REPORT OF THE GOLDEN SANDS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION - VARNA, 1974 by Abe Greenfield

The third "Zlatni Piasatz" or Golden Sands International Competition, metrorial in nature, were from June 8 through 9 at the Palace of Sports in Varna, Bulgaria. This was to have been the site of the World Championships in October. It is a modern looking arena with a seating capacity of 3,000.

The United States delegation consisted of two men gymnasts, Tom Weeden of the University of California at Berkeley and Jay Whelan of Southern Connecticut State College, two women gymnasts, Ann Carr of the Mennetts in Philadelphia and Kathy Howard of Oklahoma, Bill Coco (privately financed trip) as the women's coach, Gail Davis as the women's judge and myself as the men's coach and chief of the delegation.

Only two men and women gymnasts from each nation were invited aside from officials. A few countries requested permission to bring a third gymnast and were given an affirmative reply. The following countries were represented with the number of male gymnasts in parentheses: Brazil (2), Canada (2), Cuba (2), Czechoslovakia (2), DDR (2), Gemini (2), France (2), Great Britain (2), Hungary (2), Poland (2), Romania (2), Spain (1), Sweden (2), USA (2), USSR (2), Yugoslavia (2), and Bulgaria (8). In all, there were 37 men gymnasts representing 16 countries. While we were in Bulgaria, their organizing committee decided that the extra gymnast, beyond two, would be classified as unofficial - except for the Bulgarians - and could only compete the first two days (in competition Nos. 1) and not in the all-around or individual event finals. All six Bulgarians were official and as it turned out, five of them made the top 18 and, thus, competed in the all-around finals.

Our only practice session, the day before competition, was conducted in the competition arena and as we found out, meet conditions were simulated. The gymnasts were split into their respective groups and marched into the arena at 3:30 and to their first event and had about twenty minutes per event. We found this session particularly beneficial in helping our gymnasts adjust to the apparatus and conditions. The men difficulty for our men seemed to be on the horizontal bar which was slower and the pommel horse which was narrower and softer than what we are used to. The vaulting runway was made of approximately one-half inch thick sponge material that the gymnasts liked. The new type Reuther board was on a firm surface of the same thickness.

The competition set up was Olympic style - all apparatus on platforms and six events going at once. The gymnasts were split into teams of six. Our men were teamed with two Bulgarians, the official Russian and a Spanish. The order of competition and events were exactly the same for competitors and officials. Each day the men's competition commenced at 3:30 or 4 p.m. The audience was sparse. Never more than half full.

Complementary Competition, June 8

Some of the extraordinary occurrences in order of the events for our gymnasts are as follows:

POMMEL HORSE: Whelan did an extra circle after the knee out but otherwise set through clean for 8.4

Weeden set one knee out but picked up a good loop to undercut and finished strong - 7.85. Trifanov, unofficial USSR, performed with excellent control and form - 9.0.

RINGS: Whelan received the third highest score of the competition at 9.1.

VAULT: Whelan's preflight angle was extra low - 8.4. The best vaults showed good preflight angles, arriving close to the 25 degree angle. The Coach Tabek was .15 better than anyone else - 9.4.

PARALLEL BARS: Weeden fell to upper arms on basket mount, had trouble on the back prosuite and basket glide. The best routine showed a 30 degree angle, straight body dismount.

HORIZONTAL BAR: Weeden functioned grasp on change to overgrip from the dislocate to back uprise, thus, he lost control going into dismount and bent his knee.

FLOOR EXERCISE: Whelen received the third highest score at 9.3. Weeden faulted on press to handstand, touched hands on tucked back somersault and bent knees on front somersault of Poland was .25 better than anyone else at 9.8.

Optional Competition No. 1, June 7

PH: Whelen hit the floor on back mount, travel out and buckled arms going into scissors - 8.65. Weeden had two stops - 7.0.

R. Weeden touched hands on double piked dismount for an 8.8. He wound up Bth.

V: Two lines were drawn on the mat to indicate distances to be attained for both the near end (coups) and far end (heads) vaults. The grip judge indicated the spot where the gymnasts landed to the judges - except for the Bulgarians - if they were short of clearing the appropriate line. Whelen landed short of the line - 8.3.

The most frequent faults were handstand settes and handspins or Yamashita with twists. There were very few if any straight Yamashita.

PB: Weeden set after glide overshoot to straddle L and balked in going for a swinging dismount.

H: Whelen hit the bar with his foot coming out of a Stalder shot - 8.95. Weeden bent knees during his hecht dismount - 8.85.

FE: Whelen scored the second highest optional at 9.4. Kirov of Bulgaria was the highest at 9.66.

AA: Whelen finished the first two days with a combined total of 103.85 and maintained 8th place. Whelen's total was 99.85 for 29th place.

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MEN'S REPORT OF THE GOLDEN SANDS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION - VARNA, 1974

By Abe Grossfeld

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All Around Final Operators, Competition No. 2 (Top 16), June 8

Whelan was grouped with two Bulgarians, a Czech, an E. German and Szajna of Poland. Only three events were conducted simultaneously. Jay began on floor exercise and received the highest score of the day (along with Karanov of Bulgaria) at 9.5. In the next event, Jay sustained his only mishap of the four days of competition. He sat on the end of the horse as he was about to loop off which he proceeded to do after a couple of leg cuts. His score was 8.25. Jay finished the day with a total of 53.45 for the seventh highest total. However, he did not change position and finished 9th all around.

Individual Event Final

Competition No. 3 (Top 6), June 9

FE Whelan scored a 8.1 and placed third. Four of the finalists opened with double backs and finished with double twists. The first man up was Radev of Bulgaria who scored an 8.65. This was the most incorrect judgment, in my opinion, of the entire competition. I judged this routine to be about a 7.2. He opened with a poor full twisting back, then did a shaddle L, straight arm press to handstand, a running front into a crude headspin, a roundoff flip flop layout, a roundoff flip flop back kick and finished with a roundoff very low whip back and took a step.

Szajna opened with a double piked back but overspin (in competition No. 1 and 2, he opened with a double twist) and went on to complete a good routine ending with a double twist. He was severely judged at 8.8. Butler (DDR) and Karanov (Bulg) opened with very good double backs and finished with double twists. In competition No. 2 they opened with double twists. In competition No. 1 five Bulgarians opened with double backs. Marchenko (USSR) who opened with a full twisting double back in Riga did double twist openings here. He was a little rough in competition No. 1 and placed eighth. In competition No. 1 Tabeik (Czech) opened with a front somersault out to roundoff double back for a 9.2 score, and Tom Wilson (GB Britain) opened with a double back and finished with a double twist for 8.3 - the third highest score.

PT Three of the six finalists broke body. Cuba has a fine Romanian in Richards. He swings with an extended

body, good amplitude and good leg form, and all with ample behind the back work. His main problem are his feet. I do not have to tell you what he does not do them. He led going into the finals and scored a 9.1. Marchenko (USSR) performed the most difficult routine very well and scored a 9.2 to tie Richards for first.

R: This proved to be best event of the competition - Four of the finalists had very good routines and swung excellently in both directions. I was particularly impressed with Bars of Romania. His routine: Double straight arm shoot to back giant (high leg styled) to, lower to planch (hold), collapse to piked inverted hang and kip to cross press out to L, straight body forward roll to straight body press handstand, high bar styled front giant (the best I've seen), fall over to 1/2 twist (rudolph) dismount. Bars was underscored at 8.35 and placed third.

Tabeik (USSR) started with a slow inlocate to kip cross, lower through back lever to inverted hang, inlocate back press handstand (he keeps his arms and body straight), back gain (st arm), lower to planch, layaway to front uprise L, straight arm bent hip press with legs together, point down to 1/2 twist out double. Marchenko: Pull up to cross, dislocate at arm shoot handstand, at arm back giant, front giant (bent arms slightly at end), whipped, swing back and roll forward to piked inverted hang, kip L, straight body press handstand, giant down 1/2 to 1/2 out double (almost full rot).

V. Szajna won with a well executed handstand piked sitto (bent legs on preflight) - 8.5 (He successfully performed this vault in all three competitions). His second vault was a highly full twisting handspring. Tabeik (Czech) executed a very highly handspring sitto and the flightline (but a little misaligned) Tsukahara vault that he can. He failed to stick either vault and placed second.

PB: The Soviet gymnasts placed one and two and did excellent routines.

Marchenko: Cast 1/2 turn to glide kip, swing and flip forward to piked inverted hang (a basket in reverse), kip, shaddle out L, straight arm press, one arm handstand to back piroette, back somersault, then handstand, layaway, front uprise, move to handstand, back somersault with full twist dismount. Bokko (Cast to support, swinging front piroette,

Dionomidov: start, cast back uprise shaddle L, Straight arm press, back somersault, layaway, front uprise 1/2 twist front (rudolph) dismount.

HB: Marchenko was with some unique combinations and dismounted with a rudolph. Szajna did nothing unusual but did end with a double piked layaway which he had faulted in both competitions Nos. 1 and 2. Bokko's mount was unique - a back uprise full turn to free hip.

Karanov started from high bar levels but did use a full in double layaway in competitions Nos. 1 and 2.

Marchenko wound up winning the most gold medals - three.

Miscellaneous Observations

The judging was generally good - more severe than most international meets except for the very poor performance - and the Bulgarians got the majority of the breaks in competition No. 1. Meaning that if the World Championships were in Varna, we would undoubtedly have our hands full with them. The French petitioned that only one Bulgarian be used per event in competitions Nos. 2 and 3. I agreed.

The youngest male competitor was Karanov of Bulgaria at 18 years of age. He should be world class by 1978. Karanov was the only Bulgarian in this meet to come through their youth training program which is now prevalent in all the communist countries.

Almost all Europeans are using the handguards with a dowel for rings. This was introduced by the Russians a couple of years ago. The handguards also contained a double wrist strap which was first used by the Soviet gymnasts over ten years ago. Some of the guards used spanned three fingers. And I might add that the Soviet girls also used wide handguards.

Just after competition No. 1, a meeting was called by the organizers to ask if anyone objected to moving the final's starting time to one-half hour earlier to allow for T.V. coverage throughout Europe. The French voted specifically in which countries it was to be televised and no one knew. However, no one objected.

In between the men's and women's finals, I was called to a press conference along with the chiefs of Great Britain and Cuba. I was questioned as to whether or not the World Championships should be in Bulgaria. I reiterated our stand by stating that our federation felt that all members of the FIG should be permitted to take part in the World Championships. I was asked if what occurred in society

was not more important than following the rules of a sports federation. I indicated that the actions of the FIG, which is above that of the member federations, had accepted countries with discrimination as members and there should be the ones questioned.

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ALL-AROUND RESULTS

No.	Name	Pays	Pointage
1.	Sjana	POL	111.325
2.	Marchenko	URS	110.475
3.	Boyko	URS	109.575
4.	Kerinov	BUL	107.800
5.	Kolosko	FRA	105.660
6.	Paunescu	RUM	105.525
7.	Zeev	BUL	108.475
8.	Reddy	BUL	106.460
9.	Whelan	USA	108.375
10.	Bestler	DDR	106.475
11.	Koynzhev	BUL	105.425
12.	Boutell	FRA	104.800
13.	Greese	DDR	104.875
14.	Todorov	BUL	102.350

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Two functions were held for the chief missions — a reception by the Mayor of Varna at City Hall and a cocktail party at a nearby hotel. Here we sang and danced at the request of the President of the Bulgarian gymnastics federation. Most of the songs were Russian. His idea was that music enhanced friendship.

Prizes are in order for Gail Davis for spending numerous hours making a very attractive banner with a USGTF patch sewn in the center. This was presented to the President of the Bulgarian Gymnastics Federation. And, a special thank you to Walter Zwicker for designing the warm-up suits, shirts and leotards that were worn.

From the results it can be seen that our girls were really super. However, all our gymnasts presented themselves well and even though not all made their most outstanding showing, they all impressed many as was indicated to me numerous times. This venture proved to be profitable to USA gymnasts and especially the gymnasts involved.

*Abie Graafstaf
Chair of Mission*



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GROZDZOVA (URSSR) ALL-AROUND CHAMPION
Moscow '74- Varna '76, and Antibes '76.

OLYMPIC COMPULSORIES - 1976

Dear Coaches,

Many of you have expressed the desire for the earliest information possible on the new Olympic Compulsories - 1976. Here are some guesses at some of the content of the new exercises. This information has been gathered in an unofficial manner - most of it by Miss Gail Davis during her trip to Bulgaria. Please realize that all of this could be incorrect, certainly it will change at least in part. However for those of you who are planning ahead I felt that this information would be a big help.

Sincerely,
Muriel Grossfeld,
National Head Coach for
Women - U.S.G.F.

Vault

Yamashita

Bars

From the front using a board

1. Straddle vault over the low bar, catch high bar and long hang up to high bar
2. Cast a handstand and free back flip circle to a handstand (competing handstand would be a change in normal FIG procedure - MGI)
3. Stomach Whip on low bar to 1/2 turn over low bar (no information on legs - straddle or together - MGI)
4. Drop from high bar to low bar to glide loop change to high bar (no information on leg position)
5. Slop over low bar to moving rest on low bar and short flip up to high bar
6. Cast from High Bar to wrap on Low Bar to heel dismount (legs together) from low bar

Beam

1. Mount - from side of beam - with hand support (high kick mount and 1/2 turn)
2. One arm cartwheel (2nd arm) From facing forward and with a 1/2 turn in at the end.
3. Stag leap.
4. English handstand with exchange of legs.
5. Barrels dismount - front somersault with 1/2 twist from single leg take off.

floor Exercise

1. Round off two back handsprings with a step out on the second to 1/2 turn front handspring step out to 1/2 turn to a pose (unknown pose - MGI)
2. Back Wallover
3. Dive tuck - underarm throw.
4. Round off mounting backhandsprings step out, roundings backhandspring step out.
5. Stag leap

1974 World Games Trials

The 1974 U.S.G.F. Elite National Championships not only selected the 1974 National Champions but when these scores are added to the best qualification All-Around score, the top 12 Women advance to the 1974 World Games Trials to be conducted in California September 27, 28, at Anaheim convention center.

The Golden Dozen American Women Gymnasts

1. Dianne Danber	-149.40
2. Joann Moore Rice	-148.20
3. Debbie File	-146.70
4. Roxanne Pierce	-146.35
5. Ann Carr	-146.35
6. Kathy Howard	-146.00
7. Kyle Dayner	-145.30
8. Nancy Thiers	-144.85
9. Jody Yasam	-144.40
10. Debbie Hill	-144.20
11. Barbara Myslak	-143.75
12. Lynn Govin	-143.45

The final trials will be a fresh start for all 12 gymnasts. No scores will be carried from any previous competitions. Janet Anderson will also be in the final trials due to fulfillment of score requirements for injury petition.



WORLD GAMES TRIALS - MEN

The World Games Trials for Men will be held on September 27, 28, 1974, at Austin, Texas at the University of Texas. In addition to the 12 gymnasts listed in the USGF News - June issue, Mr. Scott Hug and Mr. Wayne Young have been granted the right to compete due to injury petition approval.



6. Grand jeté sideways (big side leap - MGI)
7. 360 degree turn in arabesque (arabesque - NOT scale)
8. 360 degree pique turn - free leg toes on support leg, knee turned out (think it's lowish on leg - not high on knee - MGI)

'75 PAN-AMERICAN COMPULSORIES (UNOFFICIAL) by Abe Grossfeld

F.E. - Same as present World Championship Compulsory up to the press, which is a straddle straight arm press; handstand, come down 1/2 turn back, roll shoot 1/2 turn, round-off FF to back bend.

P.H. Circle loop undercut, 2 back scissots, one reverse, 2 front scissors, 1 circle, travel out, 1/2 circle Kehre, 1 circle, travel off.

R.C. Pull to dislocate shoot to "L", bent arm and hip press to handstand, back leg, roll back to back lever ... cast to "same dismount".

V.H. Height,

P.H. Run, jump to support, cast back uprise straddle "L" straight press (legs together) squat layaway, front uprise w/ front piroquette, layaway, swing to leg position, leg to the present 30 degree dismount,

H.B. Mixed grp, cast over itself, straddle cut, leg change one front giant, front piroquette, back giant, cross change, stoop through seat circle shoot dismount

U.S.G.F. WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR 1974-75

Mrs. Jackie Fie

Early December - 1st Regional Pre-Dualification Meet for 1st Elite Qualifying Round, February 14, 15 - 1st Elite Qualification Meet (To be held East of the Mississippi) Top 20 to Pan-Am Trial in March 21, 22.

March 21, 22 (preferable) or 28, 29 USGF State Age Group Meets March 14, 15 - 2nd Regional Pre-Dualification meet for 2nd Elite Dualists on Round.

April 11, 12 USGF Regional Competitions April 25, 26 - 2nd Elite Qualification Meet (To be held West of the Mississippi).

May 9, 10 Junior Nationals (To be held East of the Mississippi), May 22, 23, 24 - Senior Nationals (To be held West of the Mississippi).

June 12, 13, 14, or 18, 19, 20, 21 - Elite National USGF Championships.

All bids should be directed to Shirley Bryan, 2619 New Hampshire, Chicago, IL 60614 except bids for State meets which should go to the State Director.

3rd WOMEN'S WORLD GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT

It was with pleasure, honor and pride in our country and gymnastics that Rosanne Perico, Diane Dunbar and I represented the United States at the World Invitational Competition in Antibes, France June 14-16. The competition was one which blended friendship, dignity and certainly, world level gymnastics. There were many outstanding and exciting performances.

Highlighting the Compulsory Competition was first place performance by Rosanne on compulsory bars with a score of 9.40 and second place exercises by Diane, Medwiesky (Hungary), and Henke (R.D.A., E. Germany) — all receiving scores of 9.30.

In addition, Diane tied with Grozdova (U.S.S.R.) for second place in compulsory vaulting with a score of 8.20, both 10 below Henke. Scores were slightly more conservative on compulsory beam, with Grozdova, Medwiesky and Gorice (Romania) receiving scores of 9.60, 9.50, 9.30 respectively and the greater majority of the rest being in the eight. Diane was very first up in the meet, receiving an 8.80 and Rosanne was fourth up and received an 8.90.

Compulsory floor honors were shared by Grindova (1st-8.80), Gorice (R.D.A., 2nd-8.30) and Diane, Csanzer (Hungary) and Medwiesky who tied for third with a score of 8.20. Rosanne, Henke and Gorice were next with scores of 8.10.

Placement in the all-around after compulsories was as follows:

1. Grozdova (U.S.S.R.)
2. Medwiesky (Hungary)
3. Csanzer (Hungary)
4. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
5. Gorice (Romania)
6. Henke (R.D.A.)
7. Gorice (R.D.A.)
8. Perico (U.S.A.)
9. Audin (France)
10. Campanis (Romania)

There were nineteen competitors in all representing Russia, Hungary, U.S.A., Romania, East Germany, France, Poland, Bulgaria, Japan, and Great Britain. I served as superior judge on compulsory bars, judge on optional vaulting and superior judge on optional beam.

Preliminary 10 finals were exhibition performances by competitors who were not in finals on a particular event. Rosanne was asked to perform on beam and floor. Both were good performances with especially good reception on floor

Judging was conservative in a few places, but generally consistent and quite fair in my estimation. We "marceted" a lot and flowers galore were given judges and competitors each day, making the whole atmosphere charming and official.

Options and Finals were very exciting and spectacular to say the least. Four gymnasts executed roundoff/overwheel back somersaults in side horse position, Medwiesky, Henke, and Gorice in pike position and Grozdova in tuck. Diane did a yamashita and a yama $\frac{1}{2}$ twist. Rosanne and most of the other competitors did yamashitas, with a few vaulting vaults like 3 on 3/4 off and 3 on 3/4 off. Placement in vaulting after finals was as follows:

1. Henke (R.D.A.)
2. Grozdova (U.S.S.R.)
3. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
4. Medwiesky (Hungary)
5. Audin (France)
6. Gorice (Romania)

Many daring and original combinations were performed on bars by quite a number of competitors. Movements like free leg circles were done with more concern for technique (handstand, straighter arm). Although heel fold were done, several different from other categories were used also. Henke and Grindova each did free hip heists. Gorice did free hip handstand tuck back off (I understand that Grozdova also uses this element when the free hip is positioned well, or, as a cover to the several endings that she uses). Another interesting and spectacular part — Rosanne and Grozdova both do under shoot/oracle handstands from high bar to low, then catch reverse grip and goes straight over in the handstand to a hop, change grip glide, Grozdova glides out or poutettes and glides. Both were received with excitement from crowd. Final placement in bars:

1. Gorice (Romania)
2. Grozdova (U.S.S.R.)
3. Medwiesky (Hungary)
4. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
5. Henke (R.D.A.)
6. Perico (U.S.A.)

As superior judge on optional beam, I had a chance to see all routines from a judge's viewpoint. In general, I have to say that I was impressed. The trend seems to be much more in keeping with what we have been encouraging in our country — more varied movement and dance, higher level of task difficulty, more emphasis on

Antibes, France

June 13-16, 1974
By Sharon Valley

series of acrobatic and tumbling skills, and a generally better blend of all throughout. I feel, however, that our concept is still more favorable to rules and interpretations as we understand them and personally feel that our beam routines of the last few years have been an influence on the countries which had not been doing much up until now. Grozdova was outstanding — doing many flexibility-type movements and showing superb ease when on her hands (poutetting, etc.), as well as series, finishing with a overwheel arabian somersault dismount. Medwiesky showed more content than previously and had an especially original slide to her knee that impressed me a lot. Placement on beam:

1. Grozdova (U.S.S.R.)
2. Medwiesky (Hungary)
3. Gorice (Romania)
4. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
5. Gorice (R.D.A.)
6. Audin (France)

Floor was "driving" to watch. Gorice and Henke did double falls, Grozdova warmed one up but didn't compete with it. Campbell's dance had meaning and drama throughout the whole exercise. . . But the most exciting happening was the crowd reaction to Grozdova and Diane. First, in preliminary competition (after which Diane received a special award for the most original exercise in the meet), and then in finals . . . with Grozdova turning the audience on and Diane coming up dead last and just bringing the house down . . . she really performed it all I can say — surely there were mistakes, but the performance and personality level was super. Winning medals is one thing, but that kind of reaction to a routine can only be described on an emotional level — and as great as Grozdova was, I was proud to be an American observer to that scene!

Final floor standing:

1. Grozdova (U.S.S.R.)
2. Dunbar (U.S.A.)
3. Henke (R.D.A.)
4. Campanis (Romania)
5. Gorice (Hungary)
6. Medwiesky (Hungary)

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Valley,
Coach/Judge



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Final Placement in The All Around

1ere LAZAKOVITCH, URSS

2eme BARTOZE, POLAND

3eme VDRONINA, URSS

1	Groves (U.S.S.R.)	76.10
2	Goreac (RUMANIA)	73.80
3	Mehrkossy (HUNGARY)	73.75
4	Hanka (R.D.A.)	73.55
5	Dunbar (U.S.A.)	73.50
6	Pierce (U.S.A.)	72.40
7	Csutor (HUNGARY)	72.30
8	Audin (FRANCE)	72.25
9	Campeanu (RUMANIA)	72.05
10	Gersch (R.D.A.)	71.85

1ere Melle PEARCE, U.S.A.

2eme Melle CHASE, U.S.A.

3eme Melle MATRAZECK, POLAND

National
USGF
Junior Olympic Championships
August 24, 1974

The National USGF Junior Olympic Gymnastics Championships for boys will be held at the National Turner Camp (on the Fox river) in Algonquin, Illinois, on August 24, 1974. The boys may arrive on August 23rd, competition on the 24th (25th if weather causes delay).

The first three place winners in the 12-14 and 15-18 age-groups in the Regionals will be eligible to compete in the USGF Junior Olympic National Championships. In areas that do not conduct Regionals, application may be made to enter through the Regional Director. 12-14 age-group will perform the USGF Intermediate Compulsories and Options, 15-18 age-group will perform the USGF Advanced Compulsories and Options. Regional Directors may approve up to 3 boys in each of the two age-groups. If there is no Regionals, Only boys approved will be allowed to compete.

The boys should be instructed to arrive in Chicago on the evening of August 22 where they will be picked up and taken to an airport motel. In the morning they will be taken to the Turner Camp. Friday will be for practice, Saturday will be for competition and if it rains the competition will be Sunday.

*****ALL OF THEIR EXPENSES WILL BE PAID FROM THE TIME OF PICK-UP TILL THEY ARE Brought TO THE AIRPORT.

The champion in each of the two age-groups will travel to Munich (expense free) with the Men's World Games Team which will represent the United States. The USGF will therefore provide the perfect relationship between Junior Olympic and Olympic programs.

Mr. Paul Fine will be the Meet Director and all correspondence and entries should be forwarded to him at 22 Scottwood Road, Riverside, Illinois 60546.

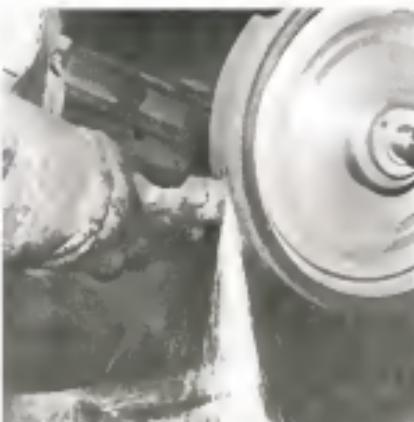
USGF JUNIOR OLYMPIC Region 5 Championships for Boys.

Frank Bucciferno, Gymnastics Coach at Wheaton Central High School, reports on the USGF Region 5 Jr. Olympic Championships.

On May 18, 1974, the USGF Jr. Olympic Championships for Boys was held at Wheaton Central High School in Wheaton, Illinois. 70 boys ages 9 to 18 (representing the 3 age groups) competed. The meet was a great success and the highlight of the meet was the performance of Bert Conner, Illinois State All-Around High School Champion, who scored 94.6 in the All-Around.

The following have advanced to the National Championships:

12-14	15-18
Dewey Deal	Bert Conner
Gary Vanyek	Dale Schaal
Scott Barclay	Don Krauf



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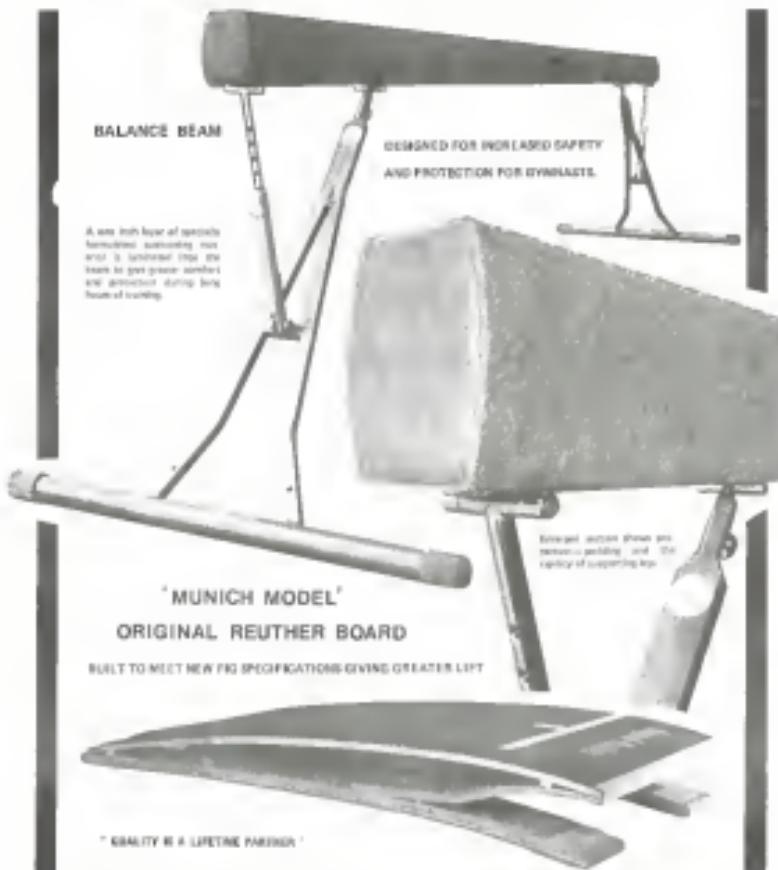


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MODERN RHYTHMIC
GYMNASTICS CLINIC
AND
U.S.G.F. NATIONAL
COMPETITION
May 21, 22, 23 and 25th.
BY M. PRCHAL

The Northeastern University in Chicago hosted the very important National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Clinic sponsored by the United States Gymnastics Federation on May 21, 22, 23, 1974.

Mrs. Kveta Cerna of Prague, Czechoslovakia, a member of the FIG Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Committee and International Judge arrived in Chicago on May 20th after having conducted a 2-day Clinic in Hunter College, New York. With her on the teaching staff were Dr. Andrea Schmid of San Francisco, California, Dr. Annals Strange Hoyman of the University of Illinois, Champaign, and Mrs. Helene Greenhouse, Riverside, California. Milda Pritchal was translator for Mrs. Cerna. Betty Ann Meyer, instructor at the University and a member of the U.S.G.F. Governing Council, made all necessary preparations. Registration began at 8:00 a.m. on May 21.

30 students (some only partial) attended, 10 hours of instruction including assignments and study for judges' tests were conducted each day.

Included in the curriculum were: Basic technique of exercise without apparatus and exercises with official apparatus, evaluations and penalties, progression in creating original difficulties rather than using examples in Code of Points, Official apparatus; ball, hoop, jump rope, clubs, ribbon. Group exercise and musical accompaniment were, of course, discussed.

New additions to the 1970 Code of Points and corrections were given. A new Code of Points will be printed soon.

Most interesting to all modern rhythmic gymnasts who have, heretofore, strictly adhered to the "taboo" on acrobatic elements in the modern rhythmic exercises, should be the inclusion by the FIG of the front and back roll in future exercises. Perhaps a forerunner of more to come.

Mrs. Cerna was the first FIG Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics member and international judge to visit the United States. This was of tremendous importance and assistance to us.

The 3-day Clinic was followed by the National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition; judges were selected from those who attended the Clinic with Mrs. Cerna acting as referee.



CANDACE CELIGAY
U.S.G.F. ALL AROUND CHAMPION



Helene Martinek



University of Illinois, Champaign
Group Champions

The next National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition will be held in San Francisco, California. Meet Director will be Dr. Andrea Schmid. Events: 6-member group exercises using 3 balls and 3 ropes; Individual exercise with ball, hoop, ribbon, clubs.

Results of II National Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition:

I GROUP	University of Illinois	18.30
ALL-ROUND INDIVIDUAL:		
I	Candace Celigay Reno, Nevada	19.00
II	Helene Martinek San Francisco, Ca.	18.70
III	Katherine Bryn Riverside, IL	18.50
IV	Patty Murphy Chicago, IL	18.25
V	Debbie Bardarson Riverside, Ca.	17.85
VI	Kim Hanley Reno, Nevada	17.50
VII	Nancy Koetke Chicago, IL	16.70

MODERN RHYTHMIC
GYMNASICS COMMITTEE
UNITED STATES
GYMNASICS FEDERATION
MINUTES
May 24, 1974
Chicago, Illinois

All members of the Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Committee were present
Members are

Mildred Prichet, Chairman
Helena Greathouse
Andrea Schmid
Andrea Schmid
Norma Veyette
Norma Zabka, Vice-Chairman

Members of the committee comprise the Joint USGF/DGWS Certification Committee which was established last year. The purpose of the Certification Committee was to prepare a national judging certificate program along the lines of artistic gymnastics. It was reported that work was curtailed due to the unavailability of funds. The committee remains in force. Please note change in committee chairman for Written Examination and Practical Examinations. The exchange of duties was made by mutual consent of the chairman

Chairman

Shirley Bryan
Comm. on Written Exams:
Andrea Schmid (USGF)
Comm. on Practical Exams:
Norma Veyette (DGWS)
Comm. on Compulsory Exercises:
Mildred Prichet (USGF)
Comm. on Policies & Procedures:
Norma Zabka (DGWS)

Following a clarification of the two committees, the Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Comm. elected a Chairman, Mildred Prichet, and Vice-Chairman, Norma Zabka. The duties of the chairman were discussed and the following description was agreed upon.

"The chairman is to serve as a coordinator of the work of the committee liaison, between U.S.G.F. committee and other organizations, public relations, and calling meetings of the committee.

These duties may be shared by the chairman and the vice-chairman at the discretion of the chairman

The Committee (MRG) shall be responsible for the promotion of modern rhythmic gymnastics and the selection of gymnasts to represent the U.S.A. internationally."

The Committee then proceeded to discuss:

1. The status of the work of promoting modern rhythmic gymnastics
2. Problems facing the Committee
3. Preparation of future plans

Following is a list of projects, proposals, and/or plans discussed by the Committee:

1. A National Clinic or Institute is necessary for the development of Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics resource personnel.
2. Promotion of the new compulsory exercises by:
 - (a) producing a film of the compulsory exercises
 - (b) clinics to be conducted by resource personnel
3. Filling the vacancies of State and Regional Chairmen
4. Development of Judges:
 - (a) judging clinics
 - (b) written test
 - (c) practical test
5. Compulsory Meets - Regional meets to be held in all regions. All regional and state chairmen to assume this responsibility for 1974-75.
6. 1st National Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition, Place San Francisco, Date, Spring 1975 (probably sometime in May). Individual Events: Indian Clubs with 8 international compulsory elements; Options with Ball, Hoop, and Ribbon. An individual must enter a minimum of two events, but all-around award will be based on scores earned in all four events. Group Routine: 8 gymnasts (3 bells - 3 ropes) 2½-3 minutes. Meet Director: Andrea B. Schmid
7. Annual Representation at the FIG Congress
8. International competition experience for our gymnasts either by traveling to other nations or meeting foreign teams for demonstration and competition
9. Participation in March 8, 1975 International Women's Day Competition in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The United States will be invited to enter 3 gymnasts

The Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Committee recognizes that some of the preceding items can be completed within the next year, some will be ongoing from year to year, and some are long range projects. It is hoped that our committee will remain stable and can fully accomplish this work by 1980. This, of course, is contingent primarily upon sufficient financial support.

Submitted by: Norma B. Zabka



HALL OF FAMER
Mrs. Erna Wachtel

Born in Germany in 1907, Erna Wachtel came to the United States in 1926, subsequently becoming an American citizen and joining the Lincoln Turners. She participated in Gymnastics and Turner competition for 29 years, claiming nearly 100 awards, including a National Turner's All-Around apparatus Championship award. She served as Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Committee from 1952 through 1956, and as a member through 1961. She was U.S. Olympic Manager Coach at Melbourne in 1956. Following the 1956 Olympic Games when gymnastics programs and reputation were in their infancy, Mrs. Wachtel lectured on gymnastics at National Education Clinics in Oklahoma, Massachusetts, and elsewhere. She was consultant for Dr. Newt Loeb's book on Gymnastics, women's section. She was identified with the Chicago Park District Registration Department as gymnastics specialist and physical instructor from 1957 through 1973, when she retired. Erna also was a part-time instructor at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus, and taught gymnastics to the physical education majors and coached the team. Mrs. Wachtel has been honored on a number of occasions for her contributions to gymnastics. For 21 years, she served as judge of international and national competitions. She was granted the honor of a Banquet by the International Gymnastics Federation in 1973. She will be a judge for the U.S.G.F. at the Junior Championships in Japan August 1974 and will be Coach-Manager for A.A.U. Women's Team in West Germany September 1974. Mrs. Wachtel can be admired for her many contributions, her unselfish devotion, and her sincere love and feeling for the sport of gymnastics.

MINUTES OF UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE FOR WOMENS GYMNASTICS

May 29, 1974 Carbondale, Illinois

The meeting of the United States Olympic Women's Gymnastics Committee was called to order on May 29, 1974 at 1:00 p.m. in Carbondale, Illinois by Shirley Bryan, Chairman. Roll call was taken and absent from the meetings with excuse were Gale Flansas and Cathy Mason.

Invited guests: USOC Assistant Director, Operations, Jerry Ladd; USGF Executive Director, Frank L. Barr, and USGF Representative to USOC, Gordon Chalmers.

The minutes of the last regular Committee meeting held November 12, 1973 in St. Louis were approved as written.

The Development and Committee budget allocations given by the USOC for 1975-76 are as follows:

1975 Development	\$17,000.00
Committee expenses	600.00
1976 Development	14,000.00
Committee expenses	600.00

Mrs. Bryan presented the Developmental Budget Report for 1974:

1. Developmental Funds Expended or Committed

A National Training Camp - Carbondale	\$ 900.00
B. National Coaches Symposium	
March	600.00
June	500.00
C. USGR Invitational - Rio	1400.00
D. Golden Sands Invitational - Varna	1500.00
E. Chionoh Cup - Japan	1600.00
TOTAL	\$6300.00

2. Balance of budget allocation: \$9,600.00.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the priorities for the balance of the Development Fund be allocated to:

1. Training camp for seven days immediately preceding the departure for the World Championships - \$3100.00
2. Video tapes for the national coaching staff to use during summer for training team for World Games - \$600.00
3. Senior International Tour for days 7-12 from the Final World Games Trial - \$6300.00

Mr. Frank Barr reported on the FIG Congress. The World Championships have been removed from Varna and will be held in Munich from October 20-27, 1974. There will be no FIG Congress in 1974. The FIG is now considering sites for 1975 FIG Congress, however, there will be a special meeting of the FIG Congress in Paris during July of 1974. The USGF will have a charter flight going to the World Games leaving Chicago October 14-28. There will be a Russian Tour of the USA in November for an exhibition consisting of seven men and seven women gymnasts plus five acrobats. The exhibitions will be seen in New York, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington from November 8-24. The Chicago exhibition will be November 9 during the USGF Congress.

The National Team Director ballots were received December 30, 1973 and the Committee voted 8-2 to hold the nomination until funds were available. The budget allocation was not accepted by the USOC and the discussion concerning the NTD was tabled until the November meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Nominations for coaches and officials for the Pan American Games and Olympic Games are due to USOC on September 1, 1974 and November 1, 1975 respectively. Team selection and training plans are due July 1, 1974 for both events. The Pan American Games will be held in Brazil from April 26-May 11, 1975. Discussion of two plans was held concerning team selection and training for Pan American Games. A motion was made and seconded that all national competitions from various organizations that meet standards should be used for qualifying into international competitions. The motion was carried.

The first team selection and training plan submitted by Jackie Fox, Technical Chairman, USGFWIC was unacceptable in that it was illegal to use as it did not begin as an open competition for any interested individual. The second plan submitted by Shirley Bryan, Chairman is as follows and was moved to be accepted, seconded and carried:

1. Regional USGF Elite Pre-Qualifying Meet in December of 1974 open to any girl who wishes to enter. If the USGF has a

qualifying score into this meet, then the USOC will hold a pre-qualifying meet.

2. First USGF Elite Qualifying Meet in mid-February with dual purpose of qualifying a girl for USGF Elite competition and Pan American Games Team. From this meet, cut to top twenty competitors who will stay for a training camp immediately following the meet. The training camp would include the top twenty gymnasts, manager, national coach, pianist, and individual coaches of the gymnasts for four days of training.
3. Final Trials for Pan American Games held in mid-March. From this meet the top six and three reserve girls would have two weeks off and come back for a seven- to ten day training camp immediately prior to departure.

The Team Selection and Training Plan for the Olympic Games to be held in Montreal July 17 - August 1, 1976 were moved, seconded and carried to be as follows:

1. Regional USGF Elite Pre-Qualifying Meet in December of 1975 open to any interested girl.
2. First USGF Elite Qualifying Meet in mid-February 1976. From this meet, cut to the top forty gymnasts.
3. Second USGF Elite Qualifying Meet in April will determine the top twenty gymnasts who will stay for a four-day training camp which will include gymnasts, national coaching staff, pianist, and individual coaches.
4. Final Olympic Trials will be held in the middle of May 1976 with the top twenty gymnasts competing. The team selection will be made of six and four reserves who will attend a three to four-week training camp to include gymnasts, coaching staff, pianist, and individual coaches.

A motion was made and seconded that the Committee should set up the rules for determining team selection and a competition and/or competition will decide the competition. This motion passed. A motion was also made and seconded to use scores from more than just the final trial for the final team

MINUTES OF USODWG

May 29, 1974

Carbondale, Illinois

selection. This motion carried. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the team selection would be made by using the better score from the February or April meet to add to the final trial score to determine the final team selection of the top ten with numbers one through six as the team and seven thru ten as the alternates in that order.

Nominations for coach, manager, and parents for the Pan American Games are due September 1, 1974. Mrs. Bryan will ask the coaches of elite gymnasts to apply to her if they are interested in having the position as Pan American coach and/or manager. They will have until June 20, 1974 to have a letter of intent to Mrs. Bryan at which time the Committee should also submit a slate to her. This bi-data form will be sent to applicants and will be returned for Committee consideration. A committee to develop job descriptions for coach, manager, and parent was appointed by Mrs. Bryan to include Mrs. Delene Bentz, Coordinator, Mrs. Gena Traiber and Mrs. Ernestine Weaver. The job descriptions should be finished by July 15, 1974.

Bids are now open for site selection for the Pan American Trials and for the Olympic Trials. The Pan American site must be decided by August 1, 1974.

New business included the decision that at our November meeting we will discuss an injury clause for the final trials of the Pan American Games and the Olympic Games.

A question relating to two terms of service for coach and/or manager was brought to the floor. This rule has been changed by the USOC and a person can now serve more than twice as coach and/or manager.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Weber
Secretary



UNITED STATES OLYMPIC GYMNASICS COMMITTEE - MEN

May 11, 1974

I. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman William T. Maude at 8:00 a.m., May 11, 1974.

B. A roll call of membership was taken. The following five members were absent:

Michael Wilson Vernon Elder
Jerry Milan Ed McNeil
Arnold Truhmmer (See attached list)

As this was Mr. McNeil's second unexcused absence, the Chairman directed the Secretary to so notify the USOC via letter and request a replacement.

C. The Chairman gave a brief overview of our proposed meeting agenda (See attached agenda).

D. The Chairman acknowledged the presence of James E. McHugh, Director of Operations, USOC, and solicited any comments from him during the meeting which could aid our committee in the formulation of its decisions.

E. It was unanimously agreed that other guests present would be allowed to remain without voice in the proceeding except upon recognition of the Committee. Guests present were:

Frank Barr
Rusty Mitchell
William Butter

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - UNANIMOUS

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. USOC Development Funds (see attached fund report).

Chairman - Explained the awarding of our funds.

Bekker - Queried the amount awarded women.

McHugh - Stated the women requested approximately \$45,000.00 and received \$10,000.00.

Rey - Voiced disappointment in monies available.

McHugh - Briefly reviewed the USOC financial situation covering record requested amounts. Stated the U.S.G.F. is one of the best cooperating agencies.

Barr - Explained U.S.G.F. policy of matching any and all funds from USOC with their own.

B. National Coach Concept

Chairman - Stated our subcommittee on this subject had decided to drop this concept as unfeasible at this time.

C. Olympic Gymnastics Trials - 1976

Case - The city of Philadelphia is still interested in hosting the event in conjunction with the Bi-Centennial even though Temple University has been awarded the NCAA Championships in that same year.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recent FIG Events

Chairman - Called on Barr for FIG report.

Barr - Covered World Games site change, canceled 1974 Congress, Asian Games problems, Code of Points changes (none through Munich), Pre-Olympic Montreal meeting in 1975, Gender (Women and possible June availability of Olympic compulsory routines).

B. Recent International Competitors

Chairman - Called on Quaskey for report.

Quaskey - Covered Russian and South African meets. Special mention was made of John Crosby who won a gold medal in Floor exercise at Moscow.

Rey - Added his observations as coach on the trip.

C. Pan American Team Selection

Quaskey - Clarified last date as 26 April - 11 May 1975.

Rey - Discussed team philosophy and the administration of top athletes months prior to the actual competition.

Beckner - Agreed and suggested slot positions for unusual circumstances.

Coco - Volunteered to construct a viable formula for doing this.

Roethsheim - Considered the additional requirement of Pan American competitors.

Maloney - Discussed USOC deadline dates and related problems.

McHugh - Related his organization's requests for extensions to these current deadlines.

Chairman - Suggested possible Christmas vacation pre-trial.

Beckner - Discussed the missed schooling student problem.

Coco - Suggested third week in March.

Roethsheim - Felt the trial should be earlier.

Chairman - Suggested February. Also covered the possibility of no Pan American competitors.

Beckner - Suggested selecting on options only.

Chairman - Thought we should limit the number of competitors in the final trials.

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continued

Hiatt — Favored Christmas pre-trial.

Roethke — Questioned which slme could best host a trial.

Chairman — Was against favoring any one city.

Beckner — Suggested using Olympic computers, in any event, for developmental purposes.

Hiatt — Cautioned against downgrading the Pan American Games.

Frey — Mentioned problems of travel to these trials.

Gagnier — Suggested a statistical qualifying standard from designated meets and then a last single, final trial.

McHugh — Stated the final staging area would probably be Miami.

Coco — Felt we must have preliminary meets or the final field is too unwieldy, and hence, possibly unfair.

Chairman — Suggested the top 12 scores in the country be invited to a final trial.

Gagnier — Pointed out scoring discrepancies.

Grosfeld — Felt more than 12 should be admitted if only qualifying scores were used.

Chairman — Limited further discussion to five minutes and recessed without position.

Roethke — Motioned a pre-trial to eliminate to 12 men followed by a final trial to select the team.

Frey — Seconded the motion.

Chairman — Called for the question and it obtained a 10 - 4 0 abstentional vote for approval.

Rowlands — Motioned four at large slots for the final trials.

Hiatt — Seconded the motion.

Beckner — Voted position against at large slots.

Shekhan — Clarified that only responsible authority should select these positions.

Chairman — Called for the question and it obtained a 4 - 10 (1 abstention) vote of disapproval.

Coco — Motioned for the formation of a subcommittee to develop guidelines for slot positions in final trial competitions that are controlled by the U.S.O.G.C.

Greenfield — Seconded the motion.

Chairman — Stated he would attempt to appoint said subcommittee within the week.

D. Pan American Coach/Manager Nominations

McHugh — Clarified the allowance of up to five nominations for each position.

Gagnier — Submitted the Nominating Committee report/late as follows:

For Coach For Manager

Karl Schwenzer Frank Woblett

Mike Wilson Bill Roethke

Ed Gagnier Roger Counsil

Dick Wolfe

McHugh — Stated nominations are normally sent to the USOC for approval prior to final selection.

Chairman — Opened floor so further nominations — possibly totaling 10.

Beckner — Nominated Albie Grossfeld

Shanken — Nominated Paul Fina Also suggested all nominees be considered for both posts.

Rowlands — Moved to close the nominations.

Shekhan — Seconded the motion.

Chairman — Received unanimous vote National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches

E. Olympic Trials Problems

Berkley, California

May 11, 1974

G. Meeting — Date

Chairman — Suggested next meeting be in conjunction with World Games Final Trials on approximately 27, 28 September 1975. Received unanimous support.

H. Adjournment.

Chairman — Suggested we adjourn.

Shekhan — Seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m., May 11, 1974.

Submitted by,

Karl K. Schwenzer,
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Secretary, USOC

June 26, 1974

Gagnier — Stated adding scores of various trials a problem due to the new team/individual limitations of qualifying for the Olympic Games (see attached Montreal 1976).

Grosfeld — Explained past use of added scores and its validity.

Coco — Mentioned to accept the format of trials used in 1972 selections plus the adding of semi-final and final scores to pick the team.

McHugh — Seconded the motion.

Chairman — Called for the question and it obtained a 13 - 0 0 abstentional vote for approval.

F. Review of Committee's Performance.

Shekhan — Suggested a review to include:

1. Long range planning.
2. Finances.
3. Survey of member organizations and public in general.
4. Age group programs.
5. Minority relationships.
6. Club relationships.

Chairman — Permitted an open discussion regarding the direction our Committee should take on these questions (Ex-Slate vs age group emphasis).

Mr and Mrs Gilbert Moreva
618 West Oliver
Prospect Heights, IL 60070

Dear Mr and Mrs Moreva

The National Association of Gymnastics Coaches would like to honor the memory of your son at the 1975 NCAA Gymnastics Championships that will be held at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

We would like to honor Gary by a special Nissen award. There have been many tributes paid to the memory of your son, but the Coaches Association, along with the Nissen Corporation, feel as of Gary many times had earned this award, and in the memory of a true champion we would like to make this possible. The Coaches Association would like to be responsible for all of your expenses in traveling to and from the meet.

I would like to personally pass on a quote made by one of the world's finest athletes, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who was considered by many the world's outstanding athlete. The last words that she said to her husband, "a moment of happiness is a lifetime." Gary created many moments of happiness for all of us.

Sincerely,

Don R. Robinson, President
Gymnastics Coach
Arizona State University

1974 SENIOR NATIONALS REPORT

Rod Hill, Meet Director

After having attended four Senior Nationals, I have to say without a doubt that the quality of this year's meet was by far the best I have seen in Gymnastic Talent. The girls did a wonderful job and performed well with few major breaks or falls. The judges did an excellent job.

Because the Senior Nationals are the last opportunity for a gymnast to qualify for Elite, the Nationals grew and grew with each passing day. We started with 52 girls and ended up with 86 competitors. The meet started at 2:00 p.m. and finished at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 that evening. Finals were run smoothly and without incident.

The All Around and the Team Title were up for grabs from the moment the meet began until it finished. We would have one girl leading, then the next session another would take over and so on until Debbie Wilcox of the Littleton Flyers in Littleton, Colorado emerged the winner. Debbie was steady all three days as she piled up 71.86 points to win the title. Second went to Kelley Muncey of the Long Beach Kips. She scored a 71.56. Linda Antonio of the Denver School of Gymnastics moved from 8th to third place with a 71.325.

In the Team competition it was just as hectic. After the first session the SCATS were leading. Then it was the Mannettes, then Denver took over after the third session and held on to the end. The final team score was Denver 112; SCATS 111; Mannettes 110.

In the Finals on Saturday Night, the sparse crowd which came to watch saw some very fine gymnastics as the girls did their very best. In the vault, Kim Bellw of the Olympiad Gym Club executed a Yamashita and a Yamashita with a half turn to score 9.25 and win the competition. In the Uneven Bars, Kelley Muncey scored a 9.30 to easily win this event. On the Balance Beam, a real battle developed between Carrie Englert of the National Academy of Gymnastics and Renée Heck of the Denver School of Gymnastics. Carrie scored a 9.30 to win the event. Linda Antonio who was the only girl to be in all three events in the final, finally won an event as she edged Carrie Englert in Free Exercise c 9.15.

Saturday afternoon, five girls qualified for the Elite Nationals as they performed the Olympic Compulsories and combined their optional score came up with a 70.96 All Around or better. The

Qualifiers were Trish Reed c 70.96, Kelley Muncey of the Kips was 70.80. With a 70.63 was Carrie Englert, and Lisa Neutz with a 70.20.

All in all it was an excellent meet. The first two days were held at the Denver School of Gymnastics. Here they had 6 beams to warm-up on and in the pre-warm up the days preceding the meet, they had as many as 3 of the kind they competed on. There are three free ax pads and 3 waiting hours, so they did not lack for equipment. The crowds were small, but as stated, the meet was for the girls and they seemed to enjoy it very much. It was kept as relaxed as possible for the gymnasts and they did not have to be in the gym more than 2 hours a day at a time, so they did not tire as easily.

FINAL RESULTS:

TEAM

1. Denver School of Gymnastics 112
2. SCATS 111
3. Mannettes 110

Vault

1. Kim Bellw - Olympiad 18.485
2. Jan Anthony - Olympiad 18.400
3. Linda Antonio - Denver SG 18.390
4. Debbie Wilcox - Lit Fly 18.300
5. Julie Knight - Fresno 18.125
6. Nancy Jones - Tumble Bees 18.025

UNEVEN BARS

1. Kelley Muncey - KIPS 18.575
2. Nancy Jones - Tumble Bees 17.925
3. Gale Wycoff - SCATS 17.875
4. Linda Antonio - Denver SG 17.812
5. Kathy Koch - Corner House 17.625
6. Debbie Wilcox - Lit Fly 17.525

BALANCE BEAM

1. Carrie Englert - Nat Acad 18.325
2. Renée Heck - Denver SG 18.100
3. Leslie Wolfberger - SCATS 17.900
4. Wendy Schol - Renée SG 17.800
5. Lisa Neutz - Mannettes 17.875
6. Shelly Bar - Mannettes 17.675

FREE EXERCISE

1. Linda Antonio - Denver SG 18.175
2. Carrie Englert - Nat Acad 18.125
3. Shelly Bar - Mannettes 18.000
4. Debbie Hung - Diablo 17.250
5. Leslie Wolfberger - SCATS 17.675
6. Kelley Muncey - KIPS 17.675

ALL AROUND

1. Debbie Wilcox - Lit Fly 71.86
2. Kelley Muncey - KIPS 71.65
3. Linda Antonio - Denver SG 71.325
4. Carrie Englert - Nat Acad 71.10
5. Gale Wycoff - SCATS 70.60
6. Shelly Bar - Mannettes 70.50

CORRECTION BY MRS. FIE:

After reading the June USGF Newsletter concerning the Czech competition in Denver on page 24, I find it necessary to correct the misleading statements made by the news writer, Mr. Holman. This article sheds a poor light upon the USA judges and leads one to believe that the Czech judges gave Mrs. Hill first place on the uneven bars. And that the American judges gave Mrs. Domokova first.

The official score sheet for the uneven bars shows the following:

Judges	Head-Fie	Rudzicov
Mrs Domokova	9.40	9.60
Weber	9.60	9.60
Auerhennbrenner	Ave.	
	9.30	= 9.60
	Head-Fie	Rudzicov
	9.60	9.60
Weber	9.60	9.60
Auerhennbrenner	Ave.	
	9.60	= 9.60

Note that the Head Judge - Fie had the Czech gymnast at a 9.40 and Mrs. Hill at a 9.60. The average of the 2 USA judges Weber, Auerhennbrenner for the Czech gymnast was 9.60 and 9.30 9.45. The average of the 2 USA judges for Mrs. Hill was 9.60 and 9.60 9.60. The Czech judges scored the Czech gymnast at 9.60 average and Mrs. Hill at an average of 9.56.

This correction is published, so that our subscribers will have the official correct information. Our USA judges always do a fine job of scoring, but, because of their fairness and honesty in contrast to the opposition, the average scores do not always reflect the true picture and result.

Most sincerely,
Mrs. Joyce Fie
USGF WTC Chairman



MEN'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Extract from the minutes of the meetings held in Chassieu from 8th - 10th February, 1974

From 8th - 10th February, 1974, the IFOTC/FIG met in Chassieu under the chairmanship of its president, Mr. I. Tsvetkov. All the members were present.

1. Minutes and communications

Delegates were informed that the minutes of the technical assembly in Biel/Bienne were adopted. They were informed that the organization which is to take place in Biel/Bienne in April 1974, the IFOTC/FIG met in Chassieu under the chairmanship of its president, Mr. I. Tsvetkov. All the members were present.

2. IFOTC/FIG progress

We are extremely satisfied with the way the technical assembly went off. Unfortunately however, there were some difficulties in the organization which can not be avoided by temporary committees. It was decided to continue to have a chairman for 2 days for the technical assembly in order to allow the problems to be dealt with more thoroughly.

3. 1974 World Championships

The date of the championships in a month's time, from 26th - 29th October 1974. The program committee for the men will take place as follows:

19.10	Competition No 1 (acrobatic apparatus)
20.10	Competition No 2 (rhythmic elements)
21.10	Competition No 3
22.10	Competition No 4

The following are confirmed as valid judges:

Prok	K. M. Tsvetkov
Baran	V. Zolotariov
Baran	V. Laktionov
Ras. team	A. Kiselev
Vladimirov	B. Gavrilov
Himurov	N. Gavrilov

With this, the chairman of the men's technical committee, who functioned at the IFOTC/FIG met in Chassieu, informed the assembly that the IFOTC/FIG met in Chassieu, who functioned as well under way and previous good organization of the World Championships. Other details concerning the preparation were taken from the bulletin of this organization concerning.

4. Project of the New Technical Regulations

The permanent work, generated by the president of the committee, Mr. K. M. Tsvetkov was appreciated at its true value but the project has not yet been discussed. It was decided, above all, to modify the statistics and only subsequently to establish definitively the technical regulations. To the meantime, supplements will be added to the temporary regulations of 1970.

5. Questions concerning apparatus

The last decisions were taken with a view to the definitive adoption of the brochure containing the standards of the apparatus. This brochure will be published in the Bulletin of 1974.

6. Code of Points

Discussions were concentrated upon those which emerged from the Judging Symposium and which constitute a point of departure for the work of the permanent committee. Apart from the discussions in Madrid, the following progress was made by the permanent committee in 1973: USA, Spain, Australia, Switzerland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Portugal, Hungary, France, German Federal Republic and Canada. The discussion will continue its work immediately and will already have met again in April after the World Championships.

7. Comparative Programs for the 1974 Olympic Games

The IFOTC has now again examined the proposals for the various sports which without yet having taken any decision, will be given on good time, in such a way as to allow the federations for the federations to take place before the date fixed, i.e. about 4 months after the World Championships.

The president of the IFOTC, K. M. Tsvetkov

The secretary of the IFOTC, K. M. Tsvetkov

WOMEN'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meetings held in Chassieu from 8th - 8th February, 1974

These present:	Mr. Pachy (President)
	Miss Demidova (Vice-president)
	Miss Brum, vice-president
	Miss Gavrilova, secretary
	Miss Weizsaecker
	Miss Kondratenko
	Miss Burya

Chairman

The experts who have chairman the new team presented at Rutherford have found that the material in the local Soviet technical material available in the trade are rather last (older), are more rarely for two-judge and five-judge teams and nothing. Miss Pachy shows 2 dozen surplus and sample No. 3 is relatively unfamiliarly selected. Another sample is made regarding the slanting of the beam. Mr. Gardner, president of the FIG, proposes a 50% reduction in the thickness of the rubber mat with a view to obtaining a certain stability of the beam. The IFOTC is of the opinion that a certain degree of tolerance concerning the slanting of the beam is understandable. This question will be discussed with the specialists.

Unseen part

The WOTC has received several requests concerning the widening of the supports of the beam and it has some basic documents to find a solution. In this matter if the solution proposed prove unsatisfactory, the standards will have to be established regarding the distance between the two supports.

Area for the floor exercises

The floor exercise does not give notice of the floor beneath it. In two hand. The WTC decides to retain the marking that it was for Durato world championships.

Procedure for the judges' decisions

The structure will have to execute simultaneously shorted tasks with the parameters of the categories of the element in Mr. Berger has, and the maximum received for the sources are yet to be decided upon. The preparation to introduce into this brochure several of the important directions to, for example, rhythm, elegance and dynamic. Durato, last, Mr. Berger will be given the maximum number of the WTC will be given the task of establishing the organization of a certain number of these maximum. The brochure will be ready by June 15 to allow of its being tested at the international judges' centre

Circle of points

The work carried out in each section (1) in the discipline and the structure, will be carried out. Mr. Durato proposes the use of separate sections for the floor exercises and the team in view of the elements available to these two disciplines. The musical control will be removed by Mr. Berger and the structure will become responsible for the structure of the choreography. It will be carried out for this new discipline to be completed by the start of 1976.

Mr. Stoyka informs those present that the students will be involving the disciplines of the WTC and that these will come into force at the next World Championships.

World championships

Designation of the chief judges

Yuri	Mr. Göttsche
Ljubomir Ivanov	Mr. Stoyka
Bojan	Mr. Stoyka
Platon	Mr. Stoyka
Secretary to the competition	Mr. Weinehoffer

Chair of appeal

Mr. Glaeske, president of the PIG
Mr. Stoyka, president of the WTC
Mr. Weinehoffer and Mr. Ritter, members of the WTC
The only responsible for the organization of the competitions.
The chief judge for the arbitration is question
Mr. Koenig retains the chief judge that, in the case of a weighty decision, also retains to be responsible for the safety of the persons responsible for the organization.

Judge's room

The judges' areas will take place on 10th October 1975 till 7 pm. The chief judges are surrounded by the task of marking the categories. They will have one hour at their disposal for such weighty decisions, negotiations, interpretation of the points, during this time the elements of the categorization section will also be dealt with. The judge will do their sequential judging. The exercises will, as is necessary, be marked by the modern apparatus.

Selection for the World Championships

18th October Judging committee
19th October Openings of the championships
Women's individual artistic
Men's competition in artistic
Women's rhythmic exercises
Multiple general competition — 26 women rhythmic and
26 men rhythmic

20th October Final of the apparatus, men and women
Prizes at the apparatus, men and women

The drawing of lots

The drawing of lots must take place at the beginning of September and a committee consisting of those judges will be constituted to this effect.

Meetings of the delegations

20th October who is responsible for this task will draw up regulations including everything relating to the competition such as the duration of each event, any liability which might occur, complaints or protests, etc.

Meeting of the springboard

1st May inform those present that the height of the springboard is 16 cm (including soles) with a tolerance of 1-2 mm. This springboard must be made of plywood.

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EUROPEAN TOUR

By Rod Hill

Hill's Angels of the Denver School of Gymnastics for Girls completed its second tour of Europe on the 1st of July. It was considered to be a highly successful trip in which much was learned and a great deal of good will for the United States and the Sport of Gymnastics.

On the 20th of May, Debbie Hill, Linda Antonio, Trish Reed, Jackie DeGraff and Lori Frasco traveled to Carbondale, Illinois where Debbie, Linda and Trish were scheduled to compete in the Elite Nationals. They along with myself and Sharon Weber left Carbondale on the 3rd of June and traveled to Chicago where we met the rest of our European Party. This included Renée Heck, Chris Faser, Kim Montagni, Joanne Asherbrunner, Diane Auerbrunner and Bill Weber. Sharon and Joanne were being taken along as judges. Their husbands Bill and Diane went along and helped throughout the trip as drivers and photographers.

We left Chicago on the evening of the 3rd and arrived in Luxembourg on the afternoon of the 4th of June. Here we rented a Volvo Wagon Van and a Volkswagen car. The four adults rode in the car and the Team with myself and Debbie driving node in the van. We drove about five hours and stopped at a hotel in Northern France. The next morning we got an early start and drove through France and Germany. We stayed at a hotel in Salzburg Austria. On the 6th we arrived in Vienna where we spent 6 hours sightseeing and picking up our Hungarian Visa. That evening we drove onto Budapest, Hungary. Because we had no hotel reservations we had to secure accommodations about 24 miles south of the city.

On the 7th we were met by the husband of Madeline Nagy. He served as our interpreter and guide throughout the day. We were able to see the Romanian National Team work out in the afternoon, then we worked out ourselves. It was good to meet old friends Elena Cimpelie and Elena Donec of the Romanian Team.

Early the morning of the 8th we started the long trip to Romania. We drove nearly non-stop and still were unable to reach our destination near Suceau before we had to get a hotel in the Transylvanian Mountains. The girls had thoughts and dreams of werewolves and Monsters all night. A dog fight near the room did not help matters.

The following morning we arrived at our destination and were met by another old friend Maria Serafinescu, the Superior Romanian Judge. It was at this moment we learned this meet was to be that afternoon. We had thought it would be the next day. We were housed in the finest hotel in the city, and the girls were sent up to rest, while myself and the judges attended the Technical Meeting.

We knew the National Team was competing in Hungary, so we figured we would be against a private club. To our surprise and I might add happy surprise, we found we were to compete against the Junior National Training Center for Romanian Gymnasts. It was here that we were to meet the finest Junior Team I have ever seen, and possibly the finest team in the World. They came out looking like something from a grade school. That turned out to be a very false impression. I had heard about a 13 year old superstar from Romania for over a year. I met her, and six other superstars.

The competition was before a packed gym. They were standing outside several deep just listening to reports of the competition going on inside. The teams were divided into two groups. There were three teams, for Poland had been invited much to our pleasant surprise. The most skilled three girls in each team were in group one and the second group had the next skilled. We had Debbie, Linda and Trish in our group one with Renée, Lori and Chris in group two.

It was a tremendous competition and even though our girls must have been showing some strain from the competition and the long trip, they were fantastic. The all around was won by the 13 year old what Romanian Nadia Dabbas was 2 inches behind in second place. Third went to Miles Luminita of Romania with fourth going to Linda and fifth to Trish. Gabro Georgescu was 8th. Renée, Lori and Chris finished in that order for our team.

Nadia is the finest Junior Gymnast I have ever seen. And she is beaten in much as she wins by Ungureanu Teodora who was 9th in the all around, but she had a little trouble in the vault. As the scores below will show they have fantastic strength and they are 12 and 13 years old. In her free exercise, Nadia threw a fantastic double full and she has two of these in the routine. On the beam it was highlighted by a double turn on the hands plus the aerials etc. Her vault is a cartwheel back in the pike position, the finest I have ever seen. Her bars are highlighted by a front flip on the high bar and consecutive free hips to handstands

that are without fail. The vaults of the beam consisted of handspins fronts and cartwheel backs in pike position. Two of the girls threw double twists on the floor. Nadia has beaten Kim of Russia the last three times out and she won an invitational of all the teams in Europe in which they sent their best and it was her first time out. Keep the name in mind, for I feel she is the best.

VAULT

1. Nadia — Romania	9.69
2. Georgescu — Rom	9.25
3. Hill — Den	9.20
4. Antonio — Den	9.10
4. Reed — Den	9.10
4. Mariana — Rom	9.10

UNEVEN BARS

1. Nadia — Rom	9.60
2. Hill — Den	9.45
3. Luminita — R	9.40
4. Mariana — Rom	9.40
4. Teodora — Ro	9.35
4. Georgeta — R	9.35

BALANCE BEAM

1. Hill — Den	9.25
2. Antonio — Den	9.16
3. Luminita — Ro	9.05
3. Teodora — Ro	9.05
5. Reed — Den	9.00
8. Krolkowska — P	8.95

FREE EXERCISE

1. Nadia — Rom	9.60
2. Julianne — Rom	9.50
3. Teodora — Rom	9.45
4. Luminita — R	9.45
4. Hill — Den	9.40
5. Antonio — Den	9.30
5. Reed — Den	9.30

ALL AROUND

1. Nadia — Rom	37.60
2. Hill — Den	37.30
3. Luminita — Rom	38.80
4. Antonio — Den	38.75
5. Reed — Den	38.70
6. Georgeta — Rom	38.65

TEAM

1. Romania	184.85
2. Denver	181.10
3. Poland	166.75

I would say in a closing note on the competition, look out for Romania in Montreal, they are loaded. Our girls did a fantastic job and were highly praised. Debbie is very popular in Romania and received standing ovations. Maria says this is true all over the country. The evening of the meet we had a huge reception and it was late to bed. The following day we did some sightseeing, and visited the National Gymnastic School. We found that the seven girls we saw the night before were not all they had, it goes much deeper than that. Our girls visited an English speaking class and helped the

students for over an hour. We then were taken on a tour of the National Sports Complex. It is very impressive. The Romanian Team is very young and they adopted our girls as big sisters. A tremendous friendship was developed between all. To top it all off our team has been invited to train with the Romanian Team for two weeks next summer all expenses paid. I can promise you we did not turn this down and we will be there.

We left for Gottwaldov, Czechoslovakia on the morning of the 11th. We drove for 22 straight hours, and finally had to stop about 80 miles north of Budapest. After a nights sleep (if you can call 5 hours a nights sleep) we continued on. We had a 4 hour delay at the border, and we arrived in Gottwaldov in the Czech part of the country that afternoon. We were taken immediately to an old mansion outside of town which was situated right in the middle of a zoo. It was a beautiful place and during the summer months it is a fine resort hotel. We had dinner then the technical meeting.

The following morning we went sight seeing, then to the gym for a short workout. That evening we competed. I guess in my 12 years of coaching, this was the worst any team of my ever did. We must have been feeling the effects of the travel. I also knew that on our a week, the girls had had one workout and one meet. Anyway we fell 5 times on beam and once on bars. When the smoke cleared we had lost the meet by 1:3 and we should have won it easily. Debbie fell twice on Beam, Linda once and Trish once. Trish also fell on Bars and finished 12th in the all around. Never in her young life had this happened. And for the first time in over two years, we dropped below a 38.00 in the all around.

The first three places in the all around were won by the Gottwaldov girls. Our highest finisher was Lori. Franco with a 36.45 and 5th place Linda and Debbie tied for 6th with 36.35. Renae Heck had a 38.10, Kim Montagut a 35.80 and Jackie DeGennaro a 34.35. The team score was 183.95 to 182.80. Gottwaldov had a fine team, but still we should have won.

That evening we had a dinner and were given some beautiful gifts. We found the Czech people to be friendly and easy to get along with. We were asked to return next year and we accepted.

The following morning we traveled to Bratislava where we thought we would be competing again, but found we would be doing an exhibition about 40 miles north in Trenčín. The Slovak National Championships would be held the following day and we were to do

exhibition work during the Championships. We were put up in a nice modern dormitory, and after a nights rest we did the exhibition in a brand new sports hall. It was a good experience for the girls and they seemed to get their gymnastic legs back, as they hit on every routine. No falls on beam even.

We left on the 16th and drove to Bratislava and on to Budapest. We arrived late in the afternoon and were told to go to a very nice hotel in the central part of the city. Here we were met by the interpreter and we had two meals within our hour. We had missed our noon meal because of a four hour wait on the border, so we had to eat two meals as they were prepared. Needless to say we went to bed not lacking in food.

The following day we were taken on a sightseeing tour of the beautiful city of Budapest, then to the Spartacus Sports School for dinner. We had the technical meeting, then prepared for the meet. Madame Nagy was the superior Judge and the meet began in the early evening.

This was the top gymnastic school in Hungary. A couple of the girls were with the National Team and could not compete, but they put a very fine group on the floor. After vault, we were leading. After Beam, they were leading. Then they fell apart on Beam (I could easily tell for them), and we hit solid. Free Exercise we also won and finally the team title. Debbie was solid all the way and won the all around with Trish finishing second. Again we found Debbie to be very well known and very popular. The team was well known here as it was in Hungary. It made us feel very good. Debbie did a nice handstand on the Bars. **RESULTS:**

VAULT

1. Antonio - Den 9.36
2. Gyurka - Hun 9.40
3. Reed - Den 9.20
4. Urutiusa - Hun 9.20
5. Hill - Den 9.08
6. Linda - Hun 9.06

UNEVEN BARS

1. Matyus - Hun 9.40
2. Hill - Den 9.30
3. Antonio - Den 9.30
4. Gyurka - Hun 9.25
5. Linda - Hun 9.20

BALANCE BEAM

1. Hill - Den 9.35
2. Reed - Den 9.35
3. Matyus - Hun 9.15
4. Mack - Den 9.10
5. Peter - Den 9.10
6. Franco - Den 9.00

FREE EXERCISE

1. Hill - Den 9.45
2. Gyurka - Hun 9.35
3. Reed - Den 9.30
4. Antonio - Den 9.30
5. Matyus - Hun 9.25
6. Franco - Den 9.20

ALL AROUND

1. Hill - Den 37.15
2. Reed - Den 38.95
3. Gyurka - H 38.85
4. Antonio - D 38.65
5. Franco - D 38.30
6. Matyus - H 38.10

TEAM

1. Denner 183.25
2. Spartacus 178.80

That night we had a reception and a very good time. I sat next to Madame Nagy and her husband and in the next two hours we became good friends and I learned a great deal. We were asked to return next year for a longer visit and we stated we would.

The following day we shopped for half a day, then left for Vienna, but were unable to make it and stopped just inside of Austria. We went on in the morning and did some sightseeing and shopping. We drove on and arrived at Berchtesgaden in the Austrian Alps that evening. Here we got a hotel that was like something from Heidi. It was a beautiful setting and we got a good nights sleep. The next day we did some shopping and drove on to Munich. We saw the Olympic training sights, then did some shopping and pushed on. We stayed in Central Germany that night.

The following morning Sheron and Bill Weber took the other car and drove back to Luxembourg as they had to get home. The rest of us got in the van and drove across Holland and Belgium to arrive on the French coast late at night. We took a ferry across the channel and finally got settled in a hotel at 3 in the morning. After a good nights sleep we drove on to Loughton which is outside of London where the competition was to take place that evening. We were put in private homes to rest and prepare for the competition.

We competed against a combination of the two top clubs in England. The clubs were Loughton and Ladywell. I went to say right here that the British have improved greatly in the past year. I was very pleased with their progress. Debbie did not compete in this meet. Trish won the all around with Linda finishing second.

RESULTS:

EUROPEAN TOUR (CONT.)

VAULT

1. Reed - Den
2. Antonio - Den
3. DeGarmo - Den
4. Jackson - GB
5. Uffman - GB
6. Frisco, Peur,
- Montagut - D

UNEVEN BARS

1. Antonio - Den
2. Peur - Den
3. Reed - Den
4. Frisco - Den
5. Adderly - GB
6. Jackson - GB

BALANCE BEAM

1. Reed - Denver
2. Antonio - Den
3. Hack - Den
4. Montagni - D
4. Jackson - GB
5. DeGarmo - Den

FREE EXERCISE

1. Reed - Den
2. Antonio - Den
3. Jackson - GB
4. Hack - Den
5. Frisco - Den
6. Montagut,

DeGarmo - Den

ALL AROUND

1. Reed - Den
2. Antonio - Den
3. Jackson - GB
4. Hack - Den
5. Frisco - Den
6. DeGarmo - Den

TEAM

1. Denver
2. GB

We went sightseeing in London the next day and had a wonderful time seeing the Tower of London, Big Ben and all the things that make the city famous including a visit to the Tower of London.

The following morning we bid our English friends goodbye and took the ferry back to France. We drove until early evening, then stopped at a hotel to get a good night sleep. The following morning we were on the road early and drove to Paris. We wanted to see the Louvre, but it was closed on Tuesday. We saw the Notre Dame Church and of course the Eiffel Tower. Duke Ashenbrenner had to return to the States so we left him at the train station and continued on. If we were to see Rome at all we would have to drive all night and this we did. The next morning we awoke on the Riviera and then went through Monaco and on to Paris where we had a late evening look at the leaning tower and that beautiful city. The following morning we drove to Rome and spent the day looking at the beautiful art work of Michelangelo and other artists. We visited the Vatican, the three cities in a fountain, the Colosseum etc. The sun was broken into while we were at the fountain and three subways stolen. We spent the next 8 hours in the police station finishing up at 4:30 in the morning. We decided to drive on to Florence, Italy.

I forgot to mention that we had picked up Leslie Bartlett, one of England's top gymnasts who will be training in Denver through August. We arrived in Florence in the early morning and spent the day looking at the fantastic art work of that city. We saw the David by Michelangelo and many of his other great

works. We saw many of the famous paintings of the world. The girls were learning to appreciate art and taking a great interest in what they were seeing. They were really getting an education.

That afternoon we drove on to finally spend the night in Southern Switzerland. The next day we drove to Zurich and the following day we rode a cable car up the mountain side and did other sightseeing.

On the 30th of June we drove back to Luxembourg and got a hotel in a country hotel about 25 miles from the airport. The next morning we boarded the plane, flew to Holland and France, arriving in Denver at 2:30 in the morning after a four hour wait in Chicago when the fuel pump went out on the plane.

To sum up the trip, I would say that it was a tremendous gymnastic and educational experience for us all. The people we met in every country were the best you could find. In 8 trips to Europe I have never had trouble with any of these people, they are very kind and easy to get along with. For this reason, I personally received some of the comments made about them by the people here in our country. I cannot remember such excellent treatment as we received during the four weeks.

It was a long trip and a tiring one, but I feel we did a lot of good for our country and for the sport. The girls and the school were very well known everywhere we went. Delsie is very well known and very popular. The school is very well known everywhere we visited.

Our tour for next year is all set up and will include Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania. We have been invited to Great Britain also. We will make this tour and it will be the third year in a row for us. Hill's Angels have now represented our city, state and country in 26 countries and 43 states in our country. We will do a 6 week tour of Japan in September to add on to this. The main purpose of these trips are to give the people of other countries a good feeling about the United States and secondary the gymnastic scene. We have accomplished this.



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